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The Avoidance of Fires. By ARLAND D. WEEKS. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co. Pp. 128.

This text-book on fire avoidance is an interesting addition to the list of supplementary books that serve a purpose in themselves as well as correlating with the usual school subjects. It might best, perhaps, have a place in the elementary science course. Typical chapters are: "What Fire Is," "Matches and Fire," "The Danger of Gasoline," "The Use of Gas and Electricity," and "Putting out Fires." The chapter of suggestions and the bibliography are especially valuable features.

Plane Geometry. By CLAUDE IRWIN PALMER and DANIEL POMEROY TAYLOR, and edited by GEORGE WILLIAM MYERS. Chicago: Scott, Foresman & Co. Pp. v + 277.

The editor states that "logic has been intentionally sacrificed to insight whenever it was believed that the general geometric interests of the student would be thereby materially subserved." The text emphasizes applications, dividing such exercises into the usual and more technical kinds by starring the latter. It also prints the foundation theorems in black type to emphasize their importance. There are many variations from the older type of book, and the result has many good features.

Methods of Teaching in High Schools. By SAMUEL CHESTER PARKER. Boston: Ginn & Co. Pp. xxv + 527.

There is little enough usable material on the teaching of high school subjects to make this book especially welcome to secondary school teachers. It has many very valuable chapters, and it contains much helpful material. On the other hand, it shows some "local color."

Teachers of mathematics will be particularly interested in its questioning of the value of the present high school mathematics. The bibliography and frequent references are especially valuable.

On the whole, it is a well-organized book that any secondary school teacher would do well to read.

Blue Bonnet Keeps House. By CAROLINE E. JACOBS and LILA H. RICHARDS. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 346. \$1.50.

In this latest volume of the series we have an interesting account of Blue Bonnet's social life in the new home in the East and her experiences as a senior at Miss North's.

The Girl from the Big Horn Country. By MARY ELLEN CHASE. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 320. \$1.25 net.

This is the story of a young girl who has lived all her life on a western ranch. She comes east for a long visit and finds it hard to adapt herself to the ways and manners of the new life. How she does it makes an entertaining story and one full of life and interesting characters.